Case No.: 02-CV-4627

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Broan NuTone LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

Travelers Property Casualty Corp., a Connecticut corporation, and The Travelers Indemnity Company of Illinois, an Illinois corporation,

Defendants.

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PLAINTIFF BROAN NUTONE LLC'S SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF AND NOTICE OF TENNESSEE ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT TRAVELERS' MOTION TO DISMISS AND ALTERNATIVE MOTION TO TRANSFER VENUE AND CONSOLIDATE

COMES NOW, Plaintiff Broan NuTone, LLC, by and through its counsel, Jack Hall, Esq., and Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC., and files the within Plaintiff Broan Nutone LLC's Supplemental Brief And Notice Of Tennessee Order Denying Defendant Travelers' Motion To Dismiss And Alternative Motion To Transfer Venue And Consolidate:

Presently pending before this Honorable Court is Travelers Property Casualty Corporation's motion to dismiss or alternatively transfer, which seeks to have the instant case dismissed or, alternatively, transferred to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Travelers has filed comparable motions in each of the pending actions commenced by Broan in the various states. One of Travelers' arguments, which is forcefully disputed by Broan, is that the matters raised here would most efficiently and most fairly be resolved by transferring the case away from Pennsylvania, the site of the fire and the locale of the vast majority of witnesses, to try all of Travelers claims together in Wisconsin.

By Order dated October 8, 2002, the Honorable Jon Phipps McCalla of the United States

District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, rejected Travelers' position, and denied

Travelers Motion seeking dismissal or transfer of the action commenced by Broan. See "Exhibit A," hereto. Said Order was entered on the docket October 9, 2002.

While not binding on this Court, the Order makes clear that Travelers will not now be able to consolidate all of the pending actions in a single court lacking any substantial connection with the underlying events. Broan respectfully submits that this Court should follow the lead of the Tennessee Court, for the reasons set forth in Broan's Brief in Opposition to Travelers' Motion to Dismiss or, Alternatively, Transfer.

For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff Broan NuTone, LLC, respectfully requests that Travelers' pending motion be denied, and that this matter be allowed to proceed. Alternatively, Broan requests that this Court withhold its determination of whether to transfer the case pending resolution by the Federal Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin of whether to sever and transfer the action commenced by Travelers before that Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMPHIS CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, TRAVELERS PROPERTY CASUALTY CORPORATION, TRAVELERS: INDEMNITY COMPANY OF ILLINOIS

AND JOHN DOE CORP.

Defendants.

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September 3, 2002

## MOTION TO DISMISS AND ALTERNATIVE MOTION TO TRANSFER VENUE AND CONSOLIDATE

Pursuant to Tennessee Rule of Civil Procedure 12.02, the defendants, Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau, Travelers Property Casualty Corporation, The Travelers Indemnity Company of Illinois, and John Doc Corp. ("Travelers"), herein move to dismiss the above-referenced matter on the ground the plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. In the alternative, the defendants move to transfer venue pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin to consolidate this case with Civil Action No. 02-C-0765, an action currently pending in that jurisdiction in which Travelers Property Casualty Corporation has, as a plaintiff, properly put before that Court the issues which Broan-NuTone, LLC ("Broan"), seeks to resolve through this procedurally improper declaratory judgment action.

The defendants have provided the attached Memorandum of Law in support of their

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Motion.

WHEREFORE, the defendants respectfully request that this Court grant their Motion to

Dismiss or, in the alternative, to Transfer Venue and Consolidate.

Dated: September 3, 2002

Respectfully Aubmitted.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing document has been sent via regular first-class mail, postage prepaid, on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2002, to:

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I hereby certify that a true and	correct copy of the within Plaintiff Broan Nutone LLC's
Supplemental Brief And Notice Of T	Tennessee Order Denying Defendant Travelers' Motion
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